

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 172

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize the Bearden High School Dance Team.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor those successful student-athletic teams, that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such group of exemplary young athletes is the Bearden High School Dance Team, which recently won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association state title in Large Varsity Jazz and placed second in Large Varsity Pom; and

WHEREAS, the team's victory in Large Varsity Jazz is a historical win for Bearden High School, as it gives the team its fourth state title in the Jazz category; and

WHEREAS, the team also placed first in Large Varsity Jazz at a Universal Dance Association (UDA) summer camp competition; and

WHEREAS, the Bearden High School Dance Team has had both a Top 3 and Top 10 National finish at the UDA Dance National Competition. These victories occurred in competition in Orlando, Florida, against 100 teams from around the country; and

WHEREAS, along with their many competitions, hours of practice, and service as the spirit team for various sporting events, the members of the dance team maintained a 3.667 team grade point average for the 2016-2017 school year, proving that their talents extend both on and off the dance floor; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Bearden High School Dance Team are Sarah Balsley, Haley Mañalac, Hanna Matthews, Alyssa Menavich, Alison Napier, Lyndi Vaughn, Gracie Benevycz, Jade Gatton-Bumpus, Maddie Little, Chloe McClish, Shaylie Rutherford, Chloe

Anders, Lauren Jacoby, Bailey Simpson, Sydney Schriver, Megan Chase, Summer Davis, Lauren Hall, Lauren Hull, and Alina Serafin; and

WHEREAS, the Bearden Dance Team's success and determination would not be possible were it not for the guidance of Head Coach Hannah Keathley, Technique Coach Katherine Brasfield, Choreographer Katie Fear Lane, and Sponsor Angelia Ford; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made these stellar triumphs possible, but will also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Bearden High School Dance Team for their outstanding performance, both on and off the dance floor, and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize the Bearden High School Dance Team's Large Varsity Jazz state title and second place in Large Varsity Pom and extend to the members of the team our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.